

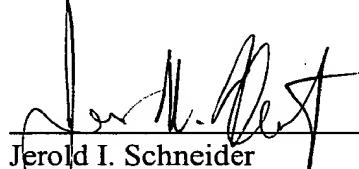
**REMARKS**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of a telephonic interview granted to Applicant's representative, James M. Heintz, on April 15, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner suggested revising the claims to clarify that the position of the subset is changed. The claims have been amended accordingly.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' counsel, James M. Heintz, at (202) 861-4167.

Respectfully submitted,

PIPER RUDNICK LLP



\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerold I. Schneider  
Registration No. 24,765  
Attorney of Record

1200 Nineteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036-2412  
Telephone No. (202) 861-3900  
Facsimile No. (202) 223-2085

James M. Heintz  
Registration No. 41,828